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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 7, 2005

TO: The Missouri Land Reclamation Commission

FROM: Mike Larsen, Chief; Projects and Inspection Unit (original signed by Mike Larsen)

SUBJECT: Coal Bond Forfeiture Liability Release Requests

The Land Reclamation Program's bond forfeiture staff have evaluated the following former coal mine sites during the past two months and are hereby presenting them to the Commission for their liability release consideration. These are all state forfeiture sites with reclamation completed by the program following permit revocation and forfeiture of the posted bonds of the original coal mining permittees.

All sites have been inspected jointly with the Office of Surface Mining and, in addition, all current landowners of record have been notified via certified mail that these sites are to be recommended for complete and final liability release at this meeting of the Land Reclamation Commission. As of the date of this memo, no comments or objections have been received.

Company	Mine	Permit #	Release Acres
Yates Energy and Development Corp.	West Pit	1984-01 1982-31	95 total
Universal Coal & Energy Co., Inc.	Yates Processing Plant	80-67 (Interim Law)	40
Universal Coal & Energy Co., Inc.	Mine #7	78-37-A1 (Interim Law) 1981-10 Inc. #3 (Part) * 1983-18 1982-27 1982-10	

^{* (20} acres will remain under this increment until the November, 2006 meeting)

Universal Coal & Howard County 1981-10

Energy Co., Inc. Processing Plant (Increments #1 and #4) 73 total

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the program's bond forfeiture staff that, as all necessary reclamation has been accomplished, the Missouri Land Reclamation Commission release the state from all further liability for the former coal mine sites listed above.